

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4112 - SB 4156

March 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for knowingly or willingly reporting, or causing, encouraging, aiding, counseling, or procuring another to report a false accusation of abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or exploitation of an adult. Authorizes the court to appoint a guardian ad litem at the cost of the individual unless he or she is indigent and then the cost is borne by the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

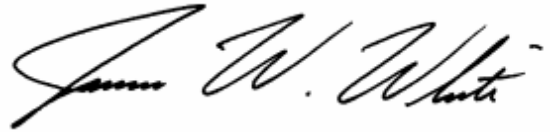
A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Department of Human Services has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- There will be an increase in expenditures for the state to incur the expense of a guardian ad litem for an indigent individual needing to receive adult protective services. The Department of Human Services currently provides representation for these individuals during hearings and will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to incur the cost of a guardian ad litem.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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